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Taiwan's 2002 Rice Imports under the MMA Quota 2003

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Report Highlights:

U.S. rice accounted for 99,386 tons or 69% of the 144,720 ton Minimum Market Access (MMA) quota in 2002. Australia and Thailand had market shares of 18% and 13%, respectively. Despite the West Coast Port labor problems, U.S. rice exporters supplied 59% of the private sector quota.

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In 2002, the United States had a 69% share of the 144,720 ton Taiwan rice Minimum Market Access (MMA) quota due to competitive U.S. pricing. According to Central Trust of China (CTC) rice arrival statistics, U.S. exporters obtained a 58% share of the private trade rice quota, followed by Thailand with 36% , Australia with 4%, and the remaining 2% from Japan, Burma, and Belgium combined. In light of the West Coast Port labor problems and backlog situation, the U.S. rice industry and Taiwan importers requested and Taiwan authorities granted an extension beyond the December 31, 2002 delivery deadline for private sector quota to January 12, 2003. Later, COA gave several importers an extension of one more week. The last arrival was on January 17.

Table1: Taiwan - 2002 Rice MMA Results (brown rice basis)

Supplying Countries	Private Trade	Share	Public Trade	Share	Total Trade	Share
U.S.	29,318	58	70,068	74	99,386	69
Australia	2,243	4	24,000	26	26,243	18
Thailand	18,361	36	0		18,361	13
Others	730	1	-----		730	1
Total	50,652	100	94,068		144,720	100

Source: Central Trust of China (CTC) the official agent for handling private sector quota rights and public tenders for rice.

Table 2: 2002 Taiwan Public Tender Rice Awards

Award Date	Tonnage	Country
July 12	30,000 mt	U.S.
July 29	24,000 mt	Australia
August 30	14,000 mt	U.S.
September 25	24,068 mt	U.S.
December 23	2,000 mt	U.S.

Source: Central Trust of China

According to COA, 10,500 mt of public purchased rice has not yet arrived, but it is scheduled to arrive at Taiwan ports by the end of February 2003. Shipments of public imports were also delayed in West Coast ports.